

Appl. No. 10/709,003
Amdt. dated October 18, 2005
Reply to Office action of August 24, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection to claim 11:

Claim 11 is objected to due to informalities.

5 **Response:**

Claim 11 has been amended to correct these informalities. Acceptance of the claims is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

10 Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 is misdescriptive.

Response:

15 Claim 1 has been amended to correct an error in the claim language. Claim 1 now recites driving the target clock signal according to a first or second logic level of the first protection signal. This amendment is supported in claims 6-9 as well as claim 11. No new matter is added through the amendment. Other claims have also been amended to correct minor grammar errors. Reconsideration of claims 1-10 is
20 respectfully requested.

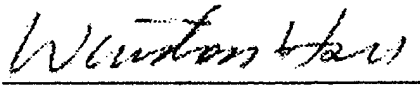
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,

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